(b) the details of women sales Assistant viz. their names, date of birth, qualifications, date of appointment and marital status ;

(c) the number of applications received so far by the Super Bazar management from women applicants for the said post :

(d) how many out of them have so far been considered and appointed and status of the remaining pending applications ;

(e) whether the Super Bazar Management is maintaining separate seniority list of women sales assistant for promotion ; and

(f) the number of women sales assistants promoted during last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Super Bazar has informed that as on 1-3-94, the total number of women Sales Assistants was 89 and they were posted in 26 branches including Head Office at Connaught Place. It is considered that the labour involved in collection and tabulation of the data relating to names of each woman sales assistant, date of birth, qualification, date of appointment and marital status will not be commensurate with the results to be achieved therefrom.

(c) There has been a ban on recruitment in Super Bazar and as such no applications for fresh appointment are entertained.

(d) In view of the reply given in part (c) question does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Super Bazar has informed that 14 women sales assistants have been promoted during the last three years.

खाद्य तेलों के आयात बिल में कटौती

1842. **चौधरी हरि सिंह** : क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का 1993-94 के दौरान तेल के आयात बिल में कटौती करने का प्रस्ताव था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में अब तक क्या उपलब्धियां रही हैं ;

(ग) पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में 1992-93 में तेल के आयात बिल में कितने प्रतिशत कटौती की गई ;

(घ) 1993-94 के लिए इस सम्बन्ध में क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है ; और

(ङ) उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) से (ङ) खाद्य तेलों की उपलब्धता एवं मूल्यों की समीक्षा करना एक सतत चलती रहने वाली प्रक्रिया है तथा यदि आवश्यक हो तो खाद्य तेलों के आयात का निर्णय, मांग तथा आपूर्ति के बीच के अन्तर, बाजार में खाद्य तेलों के मूल्यों, तिलहनों की भावी/आगामी फसलों की संभावनाओं इत्यादि जैसे संगत तथ्यों को ध्यान में रखते हुए किया जाता है। चालू वर्ष के दौरान, जब खाद्य तेलों की कीमतें जुलाई–अक्तूबर, 93 के दौरान दबाव में थी, तथा त्यौहार के महीनों के लिए खाद्य तेलों की बढ़ी हुई मांग प्रत्याशित थीं, सरकार ने वर्ष के दौरान एक लाख मी० टन पामोलीन का आयात करने का निर्णय किया। इसमें से, राज्य व्यापार निगम द्वारा अब तक लागत, बीमा तथा भाड़ा मूल्य सहित 50.88 करोड़ रु० मूल्य की 42,000 मी० टन (लगभग) मात्रा का आयात किया जा चुका है। राज्य व्यापार निगम द्वारा 1991-92 के दौरान 103.73 करोड़ रुपये के लागत, बीमा, भाड़ा सहित मूल्य पर किए गए 1.07 लाख मी० टन पामोलीन के आयात के मुकाबले राज्य व्यापार निगम ने वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान 39.44

करोड़ रूपये के लागत, बीमा, भाड़ा सहित मूल्य पर पामोलीन की लगभग 30,000 मी० टन मात्रा का आयात किया था, जिससे आयात किए गए पामोलीन की लागत में 62% गिरावट का पता चलता है। हम इस तरह का कोई लक्ष्य नियत नहीं करते हैं और स्थिति की निरन्तर पुनरीक्षा की जाती है।

New Commodities under PDS

1843. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether some new commodities will be brought under the purview of the Public Distribution System ;

(b) if so, what are those commodities ;

(c) what are the commodities about which there is great demand and are to be brought under the PDS ; and

(d) what decisions has been taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (d) The Central Government makes bulk allocation of key essential commodities such as foodgrains, levy sugar, imported edible oils, kerosene and soft coke to State Governments and UT Administrations for distribution to consumers through Public Distribution System (PDS). The State Governments have been advised to include on their own, additional items of mass consumption, according to local needs and preferences for distribution to consumers using the PDS outlets. Many State Governments and UT Administrations have reported that they are distributing items such as pulses, tea, soaps, iodised salt etc. Commodities such as exercise books, janata saries, dhoties matches, candles etc. are also reported as being distributed by some of the State Governments to consumers through PDS outlets.

Supply of Biscuits and other foods by the Super Bazar to the Welfare Department, Delhi

1844. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the super Bazar, New Delhi has been making supplies of biscuits etc., to the Welfare Department of Delhi ;

(b) if so, the details of the supplies, made in each of the last six months ;

(c) whether the Biscuits etc. supplied to the Welfare Department were tested in the Food Laboratory of the Super Bazar ;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(e) the details of the policy of the Super Bazar on the subject ;

(f) number of food and other items tested in the laboratory in each of the last twelve months ; and

(g) the details thereof and how many of them were found unfit giving the names of the items and details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Supplies made during the last six months in terms of value are as follows :—

August, 1993 .	Rs. 12.32 lakhs
September, 1993	Rs. 22.93 ,,
October, 1993 .	Rs. 17.75 ,,
November, 1993	Rs. 18.01 ,,
December, 1993	Rs. 20.69 ,,
January, 1994 .	Rs. 24.68 ,,

(c) Super Bazar reported that the biscuits were tested by the Food Analysis Laboratory, Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi in March, 1993 before start of the supplies.